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ORAL QUESTION (O-54/76)

with debate, pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure, by Mr DURIEUX, Mr HOUDET, Mr BOURDELLES, Mr KOFOED and Mr JOZEAU-MARIGNÉ

on behalf of the Liberal and Allies Group  
to the Commission of the European Communities

Subject: Economic repercussions of the drought on  
the agricultural economy and Community  
food supplies

Can the Commission state the extent of the effects of the drought which has badly affected most of the Member States, its impact on agricultural production and in particular on animal production?

Does it consider that the regular supply of foodstuffs to Community consumers can be maintained at normal prices?

How does it consider that the loss of agricultural revenue caused by this catastrophe can be offset by direct Community aid to the producers?

Does it intend harmonizing national aid which has been or will be granted by the Member States with this Community aid?

How will it assist young farmers who, to carry out their development plans, have gone heavily into debt to set up or modernize their farms? Does it intend to propose deferring or taking over loan repayments in the first year?

To safeguard cattle and sheep stocks, how does it envisage maintaining winter and spring fodder supplies for existing livestock?